

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Family and Consumer Science
Grades 7-12 (area 215)
Additional Licensure Plan

Name: _____ S.S.#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Email address: _____ County: _____ School District: _____

School districts seeking to employ educators to teach out of field (not in the field in which the educator is currently licensed) will use the Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) to meet that need. School districts may use the ALP process to address unusual emergency situations when licensed educators are asked to teach in areas/levels in which they are not licensed. School districts may not exceed the three-year limit without possible penalty.

Eligibility Guidelines: Educators must meet the following conditions:

- possess a standard Arkansas educator license,
- seek to add this area, and
- be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

For information on adding additional licensure areas by testing out or through a program of study and testing, please refer to the Department of Education website at www.arkansased.org and click on Educator Licensure, then Add Licensure Area to License.

Required Assessments:

Praxis II: Family and Consumer Science, test #0121 Minimum score required: 153

Effective Sept. 1, 2008

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html. or through the ADE Office of Educator Licensure. **Any educator wishing to take any Praxis assessment is strongly encouraged to obtain these study materials.**

The following background is strongly recommended before attempting the Praxis testing:

Recommended Content Background:

- Study of the family, Human development,
- Management, Consumer economic,
- Nutrition and food, Clothing and textiles,
- Housing, Professional concerns of family and consumer science professionals.

Recommended Experience Background:

- Experience with methods to teach family and consumer science.
- Study of the family structure.
- Study of consumer economics, including consumer rights and societal influences on consumer decisions.
- Study of factors that influence nutritional needs: e.g., gender, age, activity, and related health problems, such as bulimia, diabetes, etc.
- Study of nutritional guidelines.
- Study of types and characteristic of fibers, production and properties of fabrics.

Employing School District Guidelines:

- The employing district will document the need to assign an educator out of field because an appropriately credentialed educator is not available.
- The employing district superintendent shall submit a waiver request and completed ALP form to the ADE Office of Educator Licensure **within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment**, thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing school district understands that an educator working under this ALP shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing Educator Licensure) each year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment.
- The employing school district understands that an educator will have no more than three calendar years from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought. A waiver request must be submitted each year the educator is employed out-of-area.

School District Assurances:

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Educator ALP Guidelines:

Educators shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing Educator Licensure) each year that the educator is employed in the out-of-area assignment. If the educator EITHER leaves the ALP position OR doesn't complete the requirements within three consecutive years, he/she will NOT be eligible for employment again under an ALP for this area of licensure.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____ S.S.#: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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